

United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Region 2  
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U.S. EPA Region 2

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Re: Diamond Alkali Superfund Site

To Whom It May Concern:

I am submitting this document request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552 et seq. This request concerns the United States Environmental Protection Agency's ("EPA") files relating to the Diamond Alkali Superfund Site (the "Site") which includes the former pesticides manufacturing plant and surrounding properties at 80 and 120 Lister Avenue in Newark, New Jersey, the Lower Passaic River Study Area and the Newark Bay Study Area. The EPA Site ID number is NJD980528996.

Specifically, I request copies the documents listed in Attachment A annexed hereto, which relate to EPA's recently Proposed Plan for the Site.

I would ask that you contact me at your earliest convenience to discuss arrangements for providing the requested documents. This firm will of course take responsibility for any necessary copying and/or shipping charges. Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Sincerely,

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## ATTACHMENT A

### Documents Requested from EPA Region 2 on 4/21/14

1. An Access or Excel file containing each normalized tissue and sediment concentration data pair (with units, basis and data qualifiers) used to generate a regression model, Biota-Sediment Accumulation Factor (BSAF) curve or Biota Accumulation Factor (BAF) curve presented in Final FFS Appendix A, Data Evaluation Report 6 (Biota Analysis).
  - o The Access or Excel file should identify, for each biota tissue sample location, all tissue and sediment sample IDs used to generate the normalized tissue and sediment concentration data pair for that location.
2. A flat file dataset in Access or CSV including at least the following fields for each sample that was used to generate the normalized tissue and sediment concentration data pairs that were used to generate a regression model, BSAF curve or BAF curve presented in Final FFS Appendix A, Data Evaluation Report 6 (Biota Analysis):
  - o Source
  - o Study
  - o Location
  - o Coordinates
  - o River mile (if appropriate)
  - o Species and tissue type (for each tissue sample)
  - o Sample depth (for each sediment sample)
  - o Sample ID
  - o Sample type (e.g., field duplicate)
  - o Analyte name, including all contaminants, lipid, TOC and iron
  - o Numeric concentration for each analyte, including numeric concentrations for each sum component (e.g., for Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbon (PAH) mixtures) and calculated totals
  - o Data qualifiers
  - o Units
  - o Basis (e.g., dry weight)
3. Data files, including database query output (e.g., sample ID, analytical results, qualifiers) and ProUCL input file, for tissue samples included in current baseline Human Health Risk Assessment (HHRA) fish and crab tissue Exposure Point Calculations (EPC)
4. Technical bases (analyses, calculations, model files and results, and any other relevant materials) for EPA's sliding scale of annual averages based on receptor exposure duration (used to estimate future concentrations)
5. Technical back-up/documentation for EPA's analysis of 2000 US Census data for Essex and Hudson counties (used to estimate residence time)
6. Technical back-up/documentation for EPA's re-analysis of Joanna Burger's 1999 survey of Newark Bay anglers (used to estimate fish and crab consumption rates)

7. Any correspondence between Region 2 and NJDEP on NJDEP angler surveys that included sites on the LPR, and any data and analysis from those surveys
8. Any correspondence between the Region and the National Remedy Review Board (NRRB) since the group's comments were submitted in Nov. 2012 and issuance of the NRRB/Contaminated Sediments Technical Advisory Group (CSTAG )final comments on April 11, 2014
9. Any correspondence between the Region 2 and HQ on draft versions of the Proposed Remedial Action Plan(PRAP) and Focused Feasibility Study (FFS) documents
10. Technical bases (analyses, calculations, modeling files and results, mapping, and any other relevant materials) used to develop the capping area footprints for Alternative 4
11. Technical backup/documentation for all unit or rollup cost items > \$5,000 that cite to "Internal Database" in FFS Appendix H
12. The Louis Berger Group, Inc., 2007. "Staging and Processing Areas, Treatment Technologies, and Transportation Logistics Review." Lower Passaic River Contract. Prepared for the NJDEP. April 2007.
13. Data and technical basis for 1) modeled background tissue concentrations, and 2) modeled future tissue concentrations, including the technical basis of EPA's sediment-tissue regression models for HHRA species evaluated in the FFS.
14. The data set used to develop EPCs used in the Ecological Risk assessment and shown in Table 7-6 of the FFS RI. This would include EPCs for sediment, the tissue concentrations for the 'generic fish', biota tissue for mummichog, and crab EPCs.